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Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, MD 20771



Reply to Attn of: 210.S

September 12, 2013

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNG13477846R; Space-based Gravitational-wave Observatory (SGO) Telescope Prototype

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center is pleased to provide you with its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Telescope Concept Study in support of SGO.

This procurement will be a full and open competition under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 15.3, "Source Selection," and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Subpart 1815.3, "Source Selection."

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 333314.

An electronic copy of the RFP is available on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

<http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/synopsis.cgi?acqid=158056>

The anticipated contract type is Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

Prospective offerors who intend to submit a foreign offer should review Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 25, Foreign Acquisition at: <http://www.arnet.gov/far> and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Part 1825, Foreign Acquisition at: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/1825.htm>

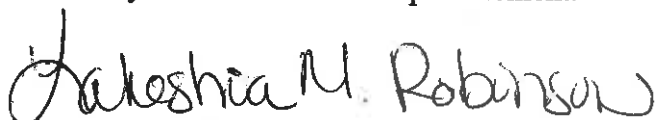
Offers submitted in response to this proposal request are due no later than October 11, 2013, at 3:30 PM EST. Proposals received after this time will be treated as late in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, Instructions to Offers-Competitive Acquisitions. The proposal due date will not be extended based on routine issues or requests. Your proposal must be signed by an official authorized to bind the company and must contain a statement that the proposal is firm for at least 120 days from the date of initial submission.

Written comments and questions regarding the RFP shall be submitted in writing by mail or electronically to the individual listed below. NASA will respond to applicable comments and questions in writing by posting an electronic response at the same location as this solicitation.

Eboni Luck
NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Mail Code 210.8
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Phone: (301) 286-4099
Fax: (301) 286-1776
Eboni.Luck@nasa.gov

As of this date, the procurement is in an official "Black-out." The individual listed above is the sole point of contact concerning this solicitation. For identification purposes, all communications regarding this solicitation should include the above-referenced solicitation number.

Thank you for interest in the procurement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lakeshia M. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lakeshia M. Robinson
Contracting Officer

Enclosure: RFP NNG13477846R

SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD			1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700) <input type="checkbox"/>		RATING	PAGE 1 OF 54
2. CONTRACT NUMBER TBD	3. SOLICITATION NUMBER NNG13477846R	4. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)		5. DATE ISSUED 09/12/2013	6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE NO. 4200477846	
7. ISSUED BY NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Code 210. 8/EBONI LUCK 8800 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt, MD 20771		CODE GSFC	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than Item 7) SEE L.2 - PROPOSAL MARKING AND DELIVERY			

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder"

SOLICITATION

9. Sealed offers in original and copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in **SEE L.2 - PROPOSAL MARKING AND DELIVERY** until **3:30 pm EST** **October 11, 2013.**

CAUTION — LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. FOR INFORMATION CALL: <input type="checkbox"/>	A. NAME EBONI LUCK	B. TELEPHONE (NO COLLECT CALLS)			C. E-MAIL ADDRESS EBONI.LUCK@NASA.GOV
		AREA CODE 301	NUMBER 286-8509	EXT.	

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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

NOTE: Item 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within _____ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See Section I, Clause No. 52.232-B) <input type="checkbox"/>	10 CALENDAR DAYS %	20 CALENDAR DAYS %	30 CALENDAR DAYS %	CALENDAR DAYS %
14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offers and related documents numbered and dated):	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE

15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR	CODE	FACILITY	16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)
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15B. TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE NUMBER EXT.	<input type="checkbox"/> 15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE.	17. SIGNATURE	18. OFFER DATE
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AWARD (To be completed by Government)

19. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED	20. AMOUNT	21. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION	
22. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) () <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ()	23. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified) <input type="checkbox"/>		ITEM
24. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 7) CODE	25. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE		
26. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Lakeshia M. Robinson	27. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)		28. AWARD DATE

IMPORTANT — Award will be made on this Form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

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The Contractor shall provide all resources (except as may be expressly stated in the contract as furnished by the Government) necessary to deliver and/or perform the items below in accordance with the Description/Specifications/Statement of Work incorporated in Section J as attachment A.

<u>Deliverables</u>	<u>Schedule/Clause Ref.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Recipient(s)</u>
1. SOW Requirement	C.1 & J.1	See C.1 & J.1	As specified in C.1 & J.1
2. Status Reports	Final	1 copy	COTR
3. IT Security Plan and Assessment Plans	30 days after contract award/ H.10 (1852.204-76)	1 copy	CO
4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan	30 days after contract award/ I.1 (1852.237-73)	1 copy	CO

(End of Clause)

B.2 FIRM FIXED PRICE (NASA 1852.216-78) (DEC 1988) (For Offeror Fill-In)

The total firm fixed price of this contract is TO BE PROPOSED.

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION C DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

C.1 SPECIFICATION/STATEMENT OF WORK

The Contractor shall provide all resources (except as may be expressly stated in the contract as furnished by the Government) necessary to perform the requirements set forth in the "Administrative and Logistics Support" incorporated in Section J as Attachment A.

(End of Text)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION D PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 LISTING OF CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)

NOTICE: The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

PACKAGING, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTATION (1852.211-70) (SEP 2005)

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION E INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**E.1 LISTING OF CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)**

NOTICE: The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES – FIXED PRICE (52.246-2) (AUG 1996)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES (52-246-16) (APR 1984)

E.2 GOVERNMENT CONTRACT QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONS (1852.246-71) (OCT 1988)

In accordance with the inspection clause of this contract, the Government intends to perform the following functions at the locations indicated:

Item	Quality Assurance Function	Location
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(End of clause)

E.3 MATERIAL INSPECTION AND RECEIVING REPORT (1852.246-72) (AUG 2003)

(a) At the time of each delivery to the Government under this contract, the Contractor shall furnish a Material Inspection and Receiving Report (DD Form 250 series) prepared in [Insert number of copies, including original] copies, an original and copies [Insert number of copies].

(b) The Contractor shall prepare the DD Form 250 in accordance with NASA FAR Supplement 1846.6. The Contractor shall enclose the copies of the DD Form 250 in the package or seal them in a waterproof envelope, which shall be securely attached to the exterior of the package in the most protected location.

(c) When more than one package is involved in a shipment, the Contractor shall list on the DD Form 250, as additional information, the quantity of packages and the package numbers. The Contractor shall forward the DD Form 250 with the lowest numbered package of the shipment and print the words "CONTAINS DD FORM 250" on the package.

(End of clause)

E.4 ACCEPTANCE—LOCATION(S) (GSFC 52.246-93) (APRIL 2008)

The Contracting Officer or authorized representative will accomplish acceptance at the following location(s):

<u>Authorized Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Representative</u>
As specified in individual task orders	As specified in individual task orders	COTR

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to designate other Government agents as authorized representatives. The Contractor will be notified by a written notice or by a copy of the delegation letter if other agents are authorized.

If this is a fixed price type contract, acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively—for the sole

purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor under the Prompt Payment Act--on the 7th day after the Contractor has delivered the supplies or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract. In the event that actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the determination of an interest penalty shall be based on the date of the actual acceptance.

(End of Clause)

E.5 MATERIAL INSPECTION AND RECEIVING REPORT NOT REQUIRED (GSFC 52.246-94) (APR 1989)

NASA FAR Supplement clause 18 52.246 72 of this contract requires the furnishing of a Material Inspection and Receiving Report (MIRR) (DD Form 250 series) at the time of each delivery under this contract. However, a MIRR is not required for the following deliverable items:

Item No.	Description
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(End of clause)

E.6 INSPECTION SYSTEM RECORDS (GSFC 52.246-102) (APR 2013)

The Contractor shall maintain records evidencing inspections in accordance with the Inspection clause of this contract for six (6) years after delivery of all items and/or completion of all services called for by the contract.

(End of clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION F DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 LISTING OF CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)

NOTICE: The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

STOP-WORK ORDER (52.242-15) (AUG 1989)
F.O.B. DESTINATION (52.247-34) (NOV 1991)

(End of Clause)

F.2 ADVANCE NOTICE OF SHIPMENT (1852.247-72) (OCTOBER 1988)

[Insert number of work days] work days prior to shipping item(s) [Insert items to be shipped], the Contractor shall furnish the anticipated shipment date, bill of lading number (if applicable), and carrier identity to [Insert individual(s) to receive notification] and to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

F.3 SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS--CENTRAL RECEIVING (GSFC 52.247-94) (APR 2013)

Shipments of the items required under this contract shall be to:

Receiving Officer
Building 35
Code 279
Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771

Marked for:

Technical Officer: Petar Arsenovic
Code: 551
Building: 5 Room: C310A
Contract No.
Item(s) No.

Compliance with this clause is necessary to assure verification of delivery and acceptance and prompt payment.

If this is a fixed price type contract, delivery--for purposes of the Prompt Payment Act--must be through the above shipping address unless another location has been authorized by the Contracting Officer. If delivery is made to other than Receiving, Building 35, Code 279, and shipment to that other location has not been authorized by the Contracting Officer, a delivery for the purposes of the Prompt Payment Act has not occurred and no interest penalty under the Act shall result. Shipment to other than Receiving, Building 35, Code 279, will be construed as contract noncompliance.

(End of clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA**G.1 SECTION G-CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)**

NEW TECHNOLOGY (1852.227-70) (MAY 2002)

G.2 INVOICES - SUBMISSION OF (GSFC 52.232-95) (AUG 2008)

Invoices shall be prepared in accordance with the Prompt Payment clause of this contract and submitted to the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC), Financial Management Division (FMD) Accounts Payable, Bldg 1111, C. Road, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529, Email: NSSC-AccountsPayable@nasa.gov. For purposes of the Prompt Payment Act, the above office is considered to be the "Designated Billing Office" and the "Designated Payment Office".

(End of clause)

G.3 DESIGNATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE AND PATENT REPRESENTATIVE (1852.227-72) (JULY 1997)

(a) For purposes of administration of the clause of this contract entitled "New Technology" or "Patent Rights -- Retention by the Contractor (Short Form)", whichever is included, the following named representatives are hereby designated by the Contracting Officer to administer such clause:

Title	Office Code	Address (including zip code)
New Technology	504	Goddard Space Flight Center Representative Greenbelt, MD 20771
Patent	503	Goddard Space Flight Center Representative Greenbelt, MD 20771

(b) Reports of reportable items, and disclosure of subject inventions, interim reports, final reports, utilization reports, and other reports required by the clause, as well as any correspondence with respect to such matters, should be directed to the New Technology Representative unless transmitted in response to correspondence or request from the Patent Representative. Inquiries or requests regarding disposition of rights, election of rights, or related matters should be directed to the Patent Representative. This clause shall be included in any subcontract hereunder requiring a "New Technology" clause or "Patent Rights--Retention by the Contractor (Short Form)" clause, unless otherwise authorized or directed by the Contracting Officer. The respective responsibilities and authorities of the above-named representatives are set forth in 1827.305-370 of the NASA FAR Supplement.

(End of clause)

G.4 RELEASE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION (JUNE 2005) (1852.237-73)

(a) As used in this clause, "sensitive information" refers to information, not currently in the public domain, that the Contractor has developed at private expense, that may embody trade secrets or commercial or financial information,

and that may be sensitive or privileged.

(b) In accomplishing management activities and administrative functions, NASA relies heavily on the support of various service providers. To support NASA activities and functions, these service providers, as well as their subcontractors and their individual employees, may need access to sensitive information submitted by the Contractor under this contract. By submitting this proposal or performing this contract, the Contractor agrees that NASA may release to its service providers, their subcontractors, and their individual employees, sensitive information submitted during the course of this procurement, subject to the enumerated protections mandated by the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information.

(c) (1) The Contractor shall identify any sensitive information submitted in support of this proposal or in performing this contract. For purposes of identifying sensitive information, the Contractor may, in addition to any other notice or legend otherwise required, use a notice similar to the following:

Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal or document includes sensitive information that NASA shall not disclose outside the Agency and its service providers that support management activities and administrative functions. To gain access to this sensitive information, a service provider's contract must contain the clause at NFS 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. Consistent with this clause, the service provider shall not duplicate, use, or disclose the information in whole or in part for any purpose other than to perform the services specified in its contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use this information if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The information subject to this restriction is contained in pages [insert page numbers or other identification of pages].

Mark each page of sensitive information the Contractor wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of sensitive information contained on this page is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal or document.

(2) The Contracting Officer shall evaluate the facts supporting any claim that particular information is "sensitive."

This evaluation shall consider the time and resources necessary to protect the information in accordance with the detailed safeguards mandated by the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. However, unless the Contracting Officer decides, with the advice of Center counsel, that reasonable grounds exist to challenge the Contractor's claim that particular information is sensitive, NASA and its service providers and their employees shall comply with all of the safeguards contained in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(d) To receive access to sensitive information needed to assist NASA in accomplishing management activities and administrative functions, the service provider must be operating under a contract that contains the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. This clause obligates the service provider to do the following:

(1) Comply with all specified procedures and obligations, including the Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan, which the contract has incorporated as a compliance document.

(2) Utilize any sensitive information coming into its possession only for the purpose of performing the services specified in its contract.

(3) Safeguard sensitive information coming into its possession from unauthorized use and disclosure.

(4) Allow access to sensitive information only to those employees that need it to perform services under its contract.

(5) Preclude access and disclosure of sensitive information to persons and entities outside of the service provider's organization.

(6) Train employees who may require access to sensitive information about their obligations to utilize it only to perform the services specified in its contract and to safeguard it from unauthorized use and disclosure.

(7) Obtain a written affirmation from each employee that he/she has received and will comply with training on the authorized uses and mandatory protections of sensitive information needed in performing this contract.

(8) Administer a monitoring process to ensure that employees comply with all reasonable security procedures, report any breaches to the Contracting Officer, and implement any necessary corrective actions.

(e) When the service provider will have primary responsibility for operating an information technology system for NASA that contains sensitive information, the service provider's contract shall include the clause at 1852.204-76, Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources. The Security Requirements clause

requires the service provider to implement an Information Technology Security Plan to protect information processed, stored, or transmitted from unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or use. Service provider personnel requiring privileged access or limited privileged access to these information technology systems are subject to screening using the standard National Agency Check (NAC) forms appropriate to the level of risk for adverse impact to NASA missions. The Contracting Officer may allow the service provider to conduct its own screening, provided the service provider employs substantially equivalent screening procedures.

(f) This clause does not affect NASA's responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act.

(g) The Contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (g), suitably modified to reflect the relationship of the parties, in all subcontracts that may require the furnishing of sensitive information.

(End of Clause)

G.5 INSTALLATION-ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (1852.245-71) (JAN 2011)

(a) The Government property described in paragraph (c) of this clause may be made available to the Contractor on a no-charge basis for use in performance of this contract. This property shall be utilized only within the physical confines of the NASA installation that provided the property unless authorized by the Contracting Officer under (b) (1) (iv). Under this clause, the Government retains accountability for, and title to, the property, and the Contractor shall comply with the following:

NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 4100.1, NASA Materials Inventory Management Manual;

NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 4200.1, NASA Equipment Management Procedural Requirements;

NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 4300.1, NASA Personal Property Disposal Procedural Requirements;

Property not recorded in NASA property systems must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the clause at FAR 52.245-1, as incorporated in this contract. The Contractor shall establish and adhere to a system of written procedures to assure continued, effective management control and compliance with these user responsibilities. In accordance with FAR 52.245-1(h) (1) the contractor shall be liable for property lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen by the contractor or their employees when determined responsible by a NASA Property Survey Board, in accordance with the NASA guidance in this clause.

(b) (1) The official accountable recordkeeping, financial control, and reporting of the property subject to this clause shall be retained by the Government and accomplished within NASA management information systems prescribed by the installation Supply and Equipment Management Officer (SEMO) and Financial Management Officer. If this contract provides for the Contractor to acquire property, title to which will vest in the Government, the following additional procedures apply:

(i) The Contractor's purchase order shall require the vendor to deliver the property to the installation central receiving area.

(ii) The Contractor shall furnish a copy of each purchase order, prior to delivery by the vendor, to the installation central receiving area.

(iii) The Contractor shall establish a record for Government titled property as required by FAR 52.245-1, as incorporated in this contract, and shall maintain that record until accountability is accepted by the Government.

(iv) Contractor use of Government property at an off-site location and off-site subcontractor use requires advance approval of the Contracting Officer and notification of the Industrial Property Officer. The property shall be considered Government furnished and the Contractor shall assume accountability and financial reporting responsibility. The Contractor shall establish records and property control procedures and maintain the property in accordance with the requirements of FAR 52.245-1, Government Property (as incorporated in this contract), until its return to the installation. NASA Procedural Requirements related to property loans shall not apply to offsite use of property by contractors.

(2) After transfer of accountability to the Government, the Contractor shall continue to maintain such internal records as are necessary to execute the user responsibilities identified in paragraph (a) of this clause and document the acquisition, billing, and disposition of the property. These records and supporting documentation shall be made available, upon request, to the SEMO and any other authorized representatives of the Contracting Officer.

(c) The following property and services are provided if checked:

☒ (1) Office space, work area space, and utilities. Government telephones are available for official purposes only.

☒ (2) Office furniture.

☒ (3) Property listed in Attachment F

(i) If the Contractor acquires property, title to which vests in the Government pursuant to other provisions of this contract, this property also shall become accountable to the Government upon its entry into Government records.

(ii) The Contractor shall not bring to the installation for use under this contract any property owned or leased by the Contractor, or other property that the Contractor is accountable for under any other Government contract, without the Contracting Officer's prior written approval.

(4) Supplies from stores stock.

(5) Publications and blank forms stocked by the installation.

(6) Safety and fire protection for Contractor personnel and facilities.

(7) Installation service facilities: NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center.

(8) Medical treatment of a first-aid nature for Contractor personnel injuries or illnesses sustained during on-site duty.

(9) Cafeteria privileges for Contractor employees during normal operating hours.

(10) Building maintenance for facilities occupied by Contractor personnel.

(11) Moving and hauling for office moves, movement of large equipment, and delivery of supplies. Moving services may be provided on-site, as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(End of Clause)

ALTERNATE I (DEVIATION)

(JAN 2011)

As prescribed in 1845.107-70(b) (4), substitute the following for paragraph (b) (1) (i) of the basic clause:

(i) The Contractor shall not utilize the installation's central receiving facility for receipt of contractor-acquired property. However, the Contractor shall provide listings suitable for establishing accountable records of all such property received, on a monthly basis, to the SEMO.

(End of Clause)

G. 6 IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF GOVERNMENT EQUIPMENT (1852.245-74) (JAN 2011)

(a) The Contractor shall identify all equipment to be delivered to the Government using NASA Technical Handbook (NASA-HDBK) 6003, Application of Data Matrix Identification Symbols to Aerospace Parts Using Direct Part Marking Methods/Techniques, and NASA Standard (NASA-STD) 6002, Applying Data Matrix Identification Symbols on Aerospace Parts or through the use of commercial marking techniques that: (1) are sufficiently durable to remain intact through the typical lifespan of the property; and, (2) contain the data and data format required by the standards. This requirement includes deliverable equipment listed in the schedule and other equipment when no longer required for contract performance and NASA directs physical transfer to NASA or a third party. The Contractor shall identify property in both machine and human readable form unless the use of a machine readable-only format is approved by the NASA Industrial Property Officer.

(b) Equipment shall be marked in a location that will be human readable, without disassembly or movement of the equipment, when the items are placed in service unless such placement would have a deleterious effect on safety or on the item's operation.

(c) Concurrent with equipment delivery or transfer, the Contractor shall provide the following data in an electronic spreadsheet format:

- (1) Item Description.
- (2) Unique Identification Number (License Tag).
- (3) Unit Price.
- (4) An explanation of the data used to make the unique identification number.

(d) For equipment no longer needed for contract performance and physically transferred under paragraph (a) of this clause, the following additional data is required:

- (1) Date originally placed in service.
- (2) Item condition.

(e) The data required in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause shall be delivered to the NASA center receiving activity listed below:

NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

(f) The contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all subcontracts that require delivery of equipment.

(End of Clause)

G.7 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FURNISHED PURSUANT TO FAR 52.245-2 (1852.245-77) (JAN 2011)

For performance of work under this contract, the Government will make available Government property identified below or in Attachment F of this contract on a nocharge-for-use basis pursuant to FAR 52.245-2, Government Property Installation Operation Services, as incorporated in this contract. The Contractor shall use this property in the performance of this contract at GSFC and at other location(s) as may be approved by the Contracting Officer.

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION H SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 LISTING OF CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)

NOTICE: The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

RESTRICTIONS ON PRINTING AND DUPLICATING (1852.208-81) (NOV 2004)

(End of Clause)

H.2 EXPORT LICENSES (1852.225-70) (FEB 2000)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with all U.S. export control laws and regulations, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 CFR Parts 120 through 130, and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 CFR Parts 730 through 799, in the performance of this contract. In the absence of available license exemptions/exceptions, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses or other approvals, if required, for exports of hardware, technical data, and software, or for the provision of technical assistance.

(b) The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining export licenses, if required, before utilizing foreign persons in the performance of this contract, including instances where the work is to be performed on-site at NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, where the foreign person will have access to export-controlled technical data or software.

(c) The Contractor shall be responsible for all regulatory record keeping requirements associated with the use of licenses and license exemptions/exceptions.

(d) The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this clause apply to its subcontractors.

(End of Clause)

H.3 REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFEROR

The completed provision 52.204-8, Annual Representations and Certifications, including any amended representation(s) made at paragraph (b) of the provision; and other representations, certifications and other statements contained in Section K completed and submitted as part of the offer dated _____ are hereby incorporated by reference in this resulting contract.

(End of Clause)

H.4 SAFETY AND HEALTH (Short Form) (1852.223-72) (APR 2002)

(a) Safety is the freedom from those conditions that can cause death, injury, occupational illness; damage to or loss of equipment or property, or damage to the environment. NASA's safety priority is to protect: (1) the public, (2) astronauts and pilots, (3) the NASA workforce (including contractor employees working on NASA contracts), and (4) high-value equipment and property.

(b) The Contractor shall take all reasonable safety and occupational health measures consistent with standard industry practice in performing this contract. The Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws

applicable to safety and occupational health and with the safety and occupational health standards, specifications, reporting requirements, and any other relevant requirements of this contract.

(c) The Contractor shall take, or cause to be taken, any other safety, and occupational health measures the Contracting Officer may reasonably direct. To the extent that the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment for those measures under the terms and conditions of this contract, the equitable adjustment shall be determined pursuant to the procedures of the Changes clause of this contract; provided, that no adjustment shall be made under this Safety and Health clause for any change for which an equitable adjustment is expressly provided under any other clause of the contract.

(d) The Contracting Officer may notify the Contractor in writing of any noncompliance with this clause and specify corrective actions to be taken. In situations where the Contracting Officer becomes aware of noncompliance that may pose a serious or imminent danger to safety and health of the public, astronauts and pilots, the NASA workforce (including Contractor employees working on NASA contracts), or high value mission critical equipment or property, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor orally, with written confirmation. The Contractor shall promptly take and report any necessary corrective action. The Government may pursue appropriate remedies in the event the Contractor fails to promptly take the necessary corrective action.

(e) The Contractor (or subcontractor or supplier) shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and any applicable Schedule provisions, with appropriate changes of designations of the parties, in subcontracts of every tier that exceed the micro-purchase threshold.

(End of Clause)

H.5 RIGHTS IN DATA (GSFC 52.227-99) (MAR 2008)

The default Data Rights clause under this contract is FAR 52.227-14 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL as modified by NASA FAR Supplement 1852.227-14—Alternate II and Alternate III and GSFC 52.227-90. Any exceptions to this clause will be covered by FAR 52.227-17 RIGHTS IN DATA--SPECIAL WORKS as modified by NASA FAR Supplement 1852.227-17, and, if applicable, GSFC 52.227-93.

(End of clause)

H. 6 ACCESS TO SENSITIVE INFORMATION (JUNE 2005)

(a) As used in this clause, "sensitive information" refers to information that a contractor has developed at private expense, or that the Government has generated that qualifies for an exception to the Freedom of Information Act, which is not currently in the public domain, and which may embody trade secrets or commercial or financial information, and which may be sensitive or privileged.

(b) To assist NASA in accomplishing management activities and administrative functions, the Contractor shall provide the services specified elsewhere in this contract.

(c) If performing this contract entails access to sensitive information, as defined above, the Contractor agrees to--

(1) Utilize any sensitive information coming into its possession only for the purposes of performing the services specified in this contract, and not to improve its own competitive position in another procurement.

(2) Safeguard sensitive information coming into its possession from unauthorized use and disclosure.

(3) Allow access to sensitive information only to those employees that need it to perform services under

this contract.

(4) Preclude access and disclosure of sensitive information to persons and entities outside of the Contractor's organization.

(5) Train employees who may require access to sensitive information about their obligations to utilize it only to perform the services specified in this contract and to safeguard it from unauthorized use and disclosure.

(6) Obtain a written affirmation from each employee that he/she has received and will comply with training on the authorized uses and mandatory protections of sensitive information needed in performing this contract.

(7) Administer a monitoring process to ensure that employees comply with all reasonable security procedures, report any breaches to the Contracting Officer, and implement any necessary corrective actions.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all procedures and obligations specified in its Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan, which this contract incorporates as a compliance document.

(e) The nature of the work on this contract may subject the Contractor and its employees to a variety of laws and regulations relating to ethics, conflicts of interest, corruption, and other criminal or civil matters relating to the award and administration of government contracts. Recognizing that this contract establishes a high standard of accountability and trust, the Government will carefully review the Contractor's performance in relation to the mandates and restrictions found in these laws and regulations. Unauthorized uses or disclosures of sensitive information may result in termination of this contract for default, or in debarment of the Contractor for serious misconduct affecting present responsibility as a government contractor.

(f) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), suitably modified to reflect the relationship of the parties, in all subcontracts that may involve access to sensitive information

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION I CONTRACT CLAUSES

L1 SECTION I CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-2) (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses:

<http://www.arnet.gov/far/>

NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Clauses:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/nfstoc.htm>

52.202-1 Definitions. (JUL 2004)

52.203-3 Gratuities. (APR 1984)

52.203-5 Covenant Against Contingent Fees. (APR 1984)

52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government. (SEP 2006)

52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures. (OCT 2010)

52.203-8 Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity. (JAN 1997)

52.203-10 Price or Fee Adjustment for Illegal or Improper Activity. (JAN 1997)

52.203-12 Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. (OCT 2010)

52.204-4 Printed or Copied Double-Sided on Postconsumer Fiber Content Paper. (May 2011)

52.204-7 System for Award Management. (JUL 2013)

52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel. (JAN 2011)

52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUL 2013)

52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (JUL 2013)

52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (JUL 2013)

52.211-5 Material Requirements (AUG 2000)

52.215-8 Order of Precedence - Uniform Contract Format. (OCT 1997)

52.215-17 Waiver of Facilities Capital Cost of Money. (OCT 1997)

52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns. (JUL 2013)

52.219-28 Post-Award Small Business Program Representation (JUL 2013)

52.222-1 Notice to the Government of Labor Disputes. (FEB 1997)

52.222-3 Convict Labor. (JUN 2003)

52.222-19 Child Labor – Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (MAR 2012)

52.222-21 Prohibition of Segregated Facilities. (FEB 1999)

52.222-26 Equal Opportunity. (MAR 2007)

52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans. (SEP 2010)

52.222-36 Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities. (OCT 2010)

52.222-37 Employment Reports on Veterans. (SEP 2010)

52.222-40 Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010)

52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons. (FEB 2009)

52.223-5 Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information. (MAY 2011)

52.223-6 Drug-Free Workplace. (MAY 2001)

52.223-18 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving. (AUG 2011)

52.225-1 Buy American Act - Supplies. (FEB 2009)

52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases. (JUN 2008)

**52.225-25 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Sanctioned Activities Relating to Iran--
Representation and Certification. (NOV 2011)**

52.227-1 Authorization and Consent. (DEC 2007)

52.227-2 Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement (DEC 2007)

52.227-14 Rights in Data--General. (DEC 2007)

52.229-3 Federal, State, and Local Taxes. (APR 2003)

52.232-1 Payments. (APR 1984)

52.232-8 Discounts for Prompt Payment (FEB 2002)

52.232-9 Limitation on Withholding of Payments. (APR 1984)

52.232-11 Extras (APR 1984)

52.232-17 Interest. (OCT 2010)

52.232-23 Assignment of Claims. (JAN 1986)

52.232-25 Prompt payment. (JUL 2013)

52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – System for Award Management. (Jul 2013)

52.232-39 Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (JUN 2013)

52.233-1 Disputes. (JUL 2002) - Alternate I (DEC 1991)

52.233-3 Protest after Award. (AUG 1996)

52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim. (OCT 2004)

52.242-13 Bankruptcy. (JUL 1995)

52.243-1 Changes - Fixed-Price. (AUG 1987)

52.243-7 Notification of Changes. (APR 1984)

52.244-2 Subcontracts. (OCT 2010)

52.244-5 Competition in Subcontracting. (DEC 1996)

52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items. (JUL 2013)

52.245-1 Government Property Alt I (APR 2012)

52.245-2 Government Property Installation Operation Services (AUG 2010)

52.245-9 Use and Charges (APR 2012)

52.246-23 Limitation of Liability (FEB 1997)

52.248-1 Value Engineering. (OCT 2010)

52.249-2 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price). (APR 2012)

52.249-8 Default (Fixed-Price Supply and Service). (APR 1984)

52.253-1 Computer Generated Forms. (JAN 1991)

1852.204-76 Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources (JAN 2011)

1852.219-76 NASA 8 Percent Goal (JUL 1997)

I.2 LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT LIABILITY (52.216-24) (APR 1984)

(a) In performing this contract, the Contractor is not authorized to make expenditures or incur obligations exceeding _____ dollars.

(b) The maximum amount for which the Government shall be liable if this contract is terminated is _____ dollars.

(End of clause)

I.3 CONTRACT DEFINITIZATION (52.216-25) (OCT 2010)

(a) A _____ [insert specific type of contract] definitive contract is contemplated. The Contractor agrees to begin promptly negotiating with the Contracting Officer the terms of a definitive contract that will include (1) all clauses required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) on the date of execution of the letter contract, (2) all clauses required by law on the date of execution of the definitive contract, and (3) any other mutually agreeable clauses, terms, and conditions. The Contractor agrees to submit a _____ [insert specific type of proposal (e.g., fixed-price or cost-and-fee)] proposal, including data other than certified cost or pricing data, and certified cost or pricing data, in accordance with FAR 15.408, Table 15-2, supporting its proposal.

(b) The schedule for definitizing this contract is [insert target date for definitization of the contract and dates for submission of proposal, beginning of negotiations, and, if appropriate, submission of make-or-buy and subcontracting plans and certified cost or pricing data]:

(c) If agreement on a definitive contract to supersede this letter contract is not reached by the target date in paragraph (b) of this section, or within any extension of it granted by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer may, with the approval of the head of the contracting activity, determine a reasonable price or fee in accordance with Subpart 15.4 and Part 31 of the FAR, subject to Contractor appeal as provided in the Disputes clause. In any event, the Contractor shall proceed with completion of the contract, subject only to the Limitation of Government Liability clause.

(1) After the Contracting Officer's determination of price or fee, the contract shall be governed by—

(i) All clauses required by the FAR on the date of execution of this letter contract for either fixed-price or cost-reimbursement contracts, as determined by the Contracting Officer under this paragraph (c);

(ii) All clauses required by law as of the date of the Contracting Officer's determination; and

(iii) Any other clauses, terms, and conditions mutually agreed upon.

(2) To the extent consistent with paragraph (c)(1) of this section, all clauses, terms, and conditions included in this letter contract shall continue in effect, except those that by their nature apply only to a letter contract.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (Apr 1984).

(d) The definitive contract resulting from this letter contract will include a negotiated _____ [insert "price ceiling" or "firm fixed price"] in no event to exceed _____ [insert the proposed price upon which the award was based].

I.4 PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS (52.232-99) (AUG 2012) (DEVIATION)

This clause implements the temporary policy provided by OMB Policy Memorandum M-12-16, Providing Prompt Payment to Small Business Subcontractors, dated July 11, 2012.

(a) Upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the contractor is required to make accelerated payments to small business subcontractors to the maximum extent practicable after receipt of a proper invoice and all proper documentation from the small business subcontractor.

(b) Include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts with small business concerns.

(c) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the Prompt Payment Act.

(End of clause)

I. 5 OMBUDSMAN (1852.215-84) (OCT 2003)

(a) An ombudsman has been appointed to hear and facilitate the resolution of concerns from offerors, potential offerors, and contractors during the preaward and postaward phases of this acquisition. When requested, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The existence of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. Further, the ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Therefore, before consulting with an ombudsman, interested parties must first address their concerns, issues, disagreements, and/or recommendations to the contracting officer for resolution.

(b) If resolution cannot be made by the contracting officer, interested parties may contact the installation ombudsman, the current list of Center Ombudsmen is available at http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/pub_library/Omb.html. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at the installation may be referred to the NASA ombudsman, the Director of the Contract Management Division, at 202-358-0445, facsimile 202-358-3083, e-mail james.a.balinskas@nasa.gov. Please do not

contact the ombudsman to request copies of the solicitation, verify offer due date, or clarify technical requirements. Such inquiries shall be directed to the Contracting Officer or as specified elsewhere in this document.

(End of Clause)

I. 6 RESTRICTION OF FUNDING ACTIVITY WITH CHINA (1852.225-71) (Feb 2012)

(a) Definition - "China" or "Chinese-owned company" means the People's Republic of China, any company owned by the People's Republic of China or any company incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China.

(b) Public Laws 112-10, Section 1340(a) and 112-55, Section 539, restrict NASA from contracting to participate, collaborate, coordinate bilaterally in any way with China or a Chinese-owned company using funds appropriated on or after April 25, 2011. Contracts for commercial and non developmental items are exempted from the prohibition because they constitute purchase of goods or services that would not involve participation, collaboration, or coordination between the parties.

(c) This contract may use restricted funding that was appropriated on or after April 25, 2011. The contractor shall not contract with China or Chinese-owned companies for any effort related to this contract except for acquisition of commercial and non-developmental items. If the contractor anticipates making an award to China or Chinese-owned companies, the contractor must contact the contracting officer to determine if funding on this contract can be used for that purpose.

(d) Subcontracts - The contractor shall include the substance of this clause in all subcontracts made hereunder.

(End of Clause)

I. 7 RELEASE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION (1852.237-73) (JUN 2005)

(a) As used in this clause, "Sensitive information" refers to information, not currently in the public domain, that the Contractor has developed at private expense, that may embody trade secrets or commercial or financial information, and that may be sensitive or privileged.

(b) In accomplishing management activities and administrative functions, NASA relies heavily on the support of various service providers. To support NASA activities and functions, these service providers, as well as their subcontractors and their individual employees, may need access to sensitive information submitted by the Contractor under this contract. By submitting this proposal or performing this contract, the Contractor agrees that NASA may release to its service providers, their subcontractors, and their individual employees, sensitive information submitted during the course of this procurement, subject to the enumerated protections mandated by the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information.

(c) (1) The Contractor shall identify any sensitive information submitted in support of this proposal or in performing this contract. For purposes of identifying sensitive information, the Contractor may, in addition to any other notice or legend otherwise required, use a notice similar to the following:

Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal or document includes sensitive information that NASA shall not disclose outside the Agency and its service providers that support management activities and administrative functions. To gain access to this sensitive information, a service provider's contract must contain the clause at NFS 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. Consistent with this clause, the service provider shall not duplicate, use, or disclose the information in whole or in part for any purpose other than to perform the services specified in its contract. This restriction does not

limit the Government's right to use this information if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The information subject to this restriction is contained in pages *[insert page numbers or other identification of pages]*. Mark each page of sensitive information the Contractor wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of sensitive information contained on this page is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal or document.

(2) The Contracting Officer shall evaluate the facts supporting any claim that particular information is "sensitive." This evaluation shall consider the time and resources necessary to protect the information in accordance with the detailed safeguards mandated by the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. However, unless the Contracting Officer decides, with the advice of Center counsel, that reasonable grounds exist to challenge the Contractor's claim that particular information is sensitive, NASA and its service providers and their employees shall comply with all of the safeguards contained in paragraph (d) of this clause.

(d) To receive access to sensitive information needed to assist NASA in accomplishing management activities and administrative functions, the service provider must be operating under a contract that contains the clause at 1852.237-72, Access to Sensitive Information. This clause obligates the service provider to do the following:

- (1) Comply with all specified procedures and obligations, including the Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan, which the contract has incorporated as a compliance document.
- (2) Utilize any sensitive information coming into its possession only for the purpose of performing the services specified in its contract.
- (3) Safeguard sensitive information coming into its possession from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- (4) Allow access to sensitive information only to those employees that need it to perform services under its contract.
- (5) Preclude access and disclosure of sensitive information to persons and entities outside of the service provider's organization.
- (6) Train employees who may require access to sensitive information about their obligations to utilize it only to perform the services specified in its contract and to safeguard it from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- (7) Obtain a written affirmation from each employee that he/she has received and will comply with training on the authorized uses and mandatory protections of sensitive information needed in performing this contract.
- (8) Administer a monitoring process to ensure that employees comply with all reasonable security procedures, report any breaches to the Contracting Officer, and implement any necessary corrective actions.

(e) When the service provider will have primary responsibility for operating an information technology system for NASA that contains sensitive information, the service provider's contract shall include the clause at 1852.204-76, Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources. The Security Requirements clause

requires the service provider to implement an Information Technology Security Plan to protect information processed, stored, or transmitted from unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or use. Service provider personnel requiring privileged access or limited privileged access to these information technology systems are subject to screening using the standard National Agency Check (NAC) forms appropriate to the level of risk for adverse impact to NASA missions. The Contracting Officer may allow the service provider to conduct its own screening, provided the service provider employs substantially equivalent screening procedures.

(f) This clause does not affect NASA's responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act.

(g) The Contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (g), suitably modified to reflect the relationship of the parties, in all subcontracts that may require the furnishing of sensitive information.

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION J LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS**J.1 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (GSFC 52.211-101) (OCT 1988)**

The following documents are attached hereto and made a part of this contract:

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION	DATE	# OF PAGES
A	Statement of Work	May 2013	5
B	SOW – Attachment A	May 2013	3
D	Safety and Health Plan	To be submitted 30 days after contract award	TBP
E	Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan	To be submitted 30 days after contract award	TBP
F	Installation Accountable Government Property	TBD	TBD
G	IT Security Plan	To be submitted 30 days after contract award	TBP

TBP – TO BE PROPOSED BY THE CONTRACTOR

(End of Clause)

[END OF SECTION]

**SECTION K
REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS**

K.1 SECTION K PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-1) (FEB 1998)

CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS. (52.203-11) (SEPT 2007)

COMPLIANCE WITH VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (52.222-38) (SEPT 2010)

K.2 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (52.204-8) (JUL 2013)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 333314.

(2) The small business size standard is 500.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), and has completed the Representations and Certifications section of SAM electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

☐ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

☐ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c)(1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless—

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

(iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that—

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

- (C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (v) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations—Representation. This provision applies to solicitations using funds appropriated in fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, or 2012.
- (vi) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (vii) 52.214-14, Place of Performance—Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (viii) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.
- (ix) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.
- (B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.
- (x) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.
- (xi) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xii) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.
- (xiii) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.
- (xiv) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.
- (xv) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.
- (xvi) 52.225-2, Buy American Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.
- (xvii) 52.225-4, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.
- (A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.
- (B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.
- (C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$77,494, the provision with its Alternate II applies.
- (D) If the acquisition value is \$77,494 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.
- (xviii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.
- (xix) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan—Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xx) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to—

(A) Solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions; and

(B) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, solicitations that contain the clause at 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.

(2) The following certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

___ (i) 52.219-22, Small Disadvantaged Business Status.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

___ (ii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

___ (iii) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment Certification.

___ (iv) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services—Certification.

___ (v) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA—Designated Products (Alternate I only).

___ (vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

___ (A) Basic.

___ (B) Alternate I.

___ (vii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM website accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

(End of provision)

K.3 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (52.209-5) (APR 2010)

(a) (1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

(A) Are o are not o presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(B) Have o have not o, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property (if offeror checks “have”, the offeror shall also see 52.209-7, if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are o are not o presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a) (1) (i) (B) of this provision;

(D) Have o, have not o, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(i) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(ii) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(2) *Examples.*

(i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. § 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(ii) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. § 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(iii) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. § 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(iv) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(ii) The Offeror has or has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of Provision)

K.4 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (52.219-1) (APR 2012)

(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 333314.

(2) The small business size standard is _____.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) Representations.

(1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern.

(2) *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b) (1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it o is, o is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(3) *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b) (1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a women-owned small business concern.

(4) Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program. *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a women-owned small business concern in paragraph (b) (3) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It o is, o is not a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It o is, o is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (b) (4) (i) of this provision is accurate for each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: _____.]* Each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the WOSB representation.

(5) Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern. *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a women-owned small business concern eligible under the WOSB Program in (b) (4) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that—

(i) It o is, o is not an EDWOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It o is, o is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (b) (5) (i) of this provision is accurate for each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the EDWOSB concern and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: _____.]* Each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the EDWOSB representation.

(6) *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b) (1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(7) *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (b) (6) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it o is, o is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(8) *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b) (1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It o is, o is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material changes in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage have occurred since it was certified in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It is, or is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (b) (8) (i) of this provision is accurate for each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture. [*The offeror shall enter the names of each of the HUBZone small business concerns participating in the HUBZone joint venture: _____.*] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(c) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

“Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern” means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business concern eligible under the WOSB Program.

“Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”—

(1) Means a small business concern—

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) “Service-disabled veteran” means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

“Small business concern” means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (a) of this provision.

“Veteran-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

“Women-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

“Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program” (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States.

(d) Notice.

(1) If this solicitation is for supplies and has been set aside, in whole or in part, for small business concerns, then the clause in this solicitation providing notice of the set-aside contains restrictions on the source of the end items to be furnished.

(2) Under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a firm's status as a business concern that is small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, service-disabled veteran-owned small, economically disadvantaged women-owned small, or women-owned small eligible under the WOSB Program in order to obtain a contract to be awarded under the preference programs established pursuant to section 8, 9, 15, 31, and 36 of the Small Business Act or any other provision of Federal law that specifically references section 8(d) for a definition of program eligibility, shall—

- (i) Be punished by imposition of fine, imprisonment, or both;
- (ii) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (iii) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Act.

(End of Provision)

K.5 BUY AMERICAN ACT CERTIFICATE (52.225-2) (FEB 2009)

(a) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, *i.e.*, an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of "domestic end product." The terms "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "component," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act—Supplies."

(b) Foreign End Products:

LINE ITEM NO. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

(c) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of Part 25 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(End of Provision)

K.6 PLACE OF MANUFACTURE (52.225-18) (SEP 2006)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

"Manufactured end product" means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;

- (2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) FSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;
- (5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) FSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

“Place of manufacture” means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

- (1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or
- (2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(End of provision)

K.7 REPRESENTATION OF LIMITED RIGHTS DATA AND RESTRICTED COMPUTER SOFTWARE (52.227-15) (DEC 2007)

(a) This solicitation sets forth the Government’s known delivery requirements for data (as defined in the clause at 52.227-14, Rights in Data—General). Any resulting contract may also provide the Government the option to order additional data under the Additional Data Requirements clause at 52.227-16, if included in the contract. Any data delivered under the resulting contract will be subject to the Rights in Data—General clause at 52.227-14 included in this contract. Under the latter clause, a Contractor may withhold from delivery data that qualify as limited rights data or restricted computer software, and deliver form, fit, and function data instead. The latter clause also may be used with its Alternates II and/or III to obtain delivery of limited rights data or restricted computer software, marked with limited rights or restricted rights notices, as appropriate. In addition, use of Alternate V with this latter clause provides the Government the right to inspect such data at the Contractor’s facility.

(b) By completing the remainder of this paragraph, the offeror represents that it has reviewed the requirements for the delivery of technical data or computer software and states [*offeror check appropriate block*]—

☐ (1) None of the data proposed for fulfilling the data delivery requirements qualifies as limited rights data or restricted computer software; or

☐ (2) Data proposed for fulfilling the data delivery requirements qualify as limited rights data or restricted computer software and are identified as follows:

(c) Any identification of limited rights data or restricted computer software in the offeror's response is not determinative of the status of the data should a contract be awarded to the offeror.

(End of Provision)

K.8 CERTIFICATION BY OFFERORS REGARDING FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING and FEDERAL INCOME TAX VIOLATIONS (1852.209-74) (DEVIATION FEB 2012)

(a) In accordance with section 527 of The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-55) none of the funds made available by the Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5 Million unless the prospective contractor certifies in writing to NASA that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the contractor has filed all Federal tax returns required during the three years preceding the certification, has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal revenue Code of 1986, and has not, more than 90 days prior to certification, been notified of any unpaid Federal tax assessment for which the liability remains unsatisfied, unless the assessment is the subject of an installment agreement or offer in compromise that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service and is not in default, or the assessment is the subject of a non-frivolous administrative or judicial proceeding.

(b) The offeror's proposal shall include a signed written certification as follows –

To the best of my knowledge and belief, ---(name of offeror)--- has filed the Federal tax returns required during the three years preceding this certification, has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal revenue Code of 1986, and has not, more than 90 days prior to certification, been notified of any unpaid Federal tax assessment for which the liability remains unsatisfied, unless the assessment is the subject of an installment agreement or offer in compromise that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service and is not in default, or the assessment is the subject of a non-frivolous administrative or judicial proceeding.

Firm _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Date of execution _____

(End of Provision)

K.9 RESTRICTION ON FUNDING ACTIVITY WITH CHINA – REPRESENTATION (1852.225-72) (FEB 2012)

(a) Definition - "China" or "Chinese-owned" means the People's Republic of China, any company owned by the People's Republic of China or any company incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China.

(b) Public Laws 112-10, Section 1340(a) and 112-55, Section 536, restrict NASA from contracting to participate, collaborate, or coordinate bilaterally in any way with China or a Chinese-owned company with funds appropriated on or after April 25, 2011. Contracts for commercial and non-developmental items are excepted from the prohibition as they constitute purchase of goods or services that would not involve participation, collaboration, or coordination between the parties.

(c) Representation. By submission of its offer, the offeror represents that the offeror is not China or a Chinese-owned company.

(End of Provision)

[END OF SECTION]

SECTION L INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

L.1 SECTION L PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (52.252-1) (FEB 1998)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS (1852.227-71) (APR 1984)

PROTEST TO NASA (1852.233-70) (OCT 2002)

L.2 PROPOSAL MARKING AND DELIVERY

(Offeror: You **MUST** comply with these instructions to ensure that the designated receiving office can identify, date and time mark, secure, and deliver your proposal to the Contracting Officer.)

1. External Marking of Proposal Package(s)

All proposal packages must be closed and sealed.

The required mailing address and external marking for proposals is as follows:

Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Building 16W—Shipping and Receiving Dock
Solicitation Number: NNG12441405R
Attn: Eboni Luck
Building 22, Room 206

PROPOSAL--DELIVER UNOPENED"

Suggested additional marking if delivery is made by a commercial delivery service:

"COMMERCIAL DELIVERY PERSONNEL: THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE DOCK MASTER, BUILDING 16W SHIPPING AND RECEIVING DOCK, NO LATER THAN August 24, 2012 at 4:00 pm EST."

2. Designated Receiving Office

The designated receiving office for proposals is the Shipping and Receiving Dock, Building 16W, Goddard Space Flight Center, which must be accessed from Soil Conservation Road, north from Greenbelt Road. Proposals must be received at the designated receiving office **no later than the date and time stated on the solicitation face page.**

The Building 16W Shipping and Receiving dock is open from 7:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Friday, except Government holidays. Contractor personnel conduct the GSFC receiving function, which includes mailroom operations. Proposals will be marked with the date and time of receipt, subjected to security screening, secured, and delivered unopened to the Contracting Officer.

There is public access to the Building 16W Shipping and Receiving Dock. GSFC passes, badges, escorts, etc. are not required for access to the receiving dock.

3. Methods of Proposal Delivery

There are three suggested methods of delivery to the designated proposal receiving office:

U.S. Postal Service Express Mail
Commercial Delivery Service
Delivery by company employee or other individual agent

Regardless of the method of delivery chosen, the offeror is responsible for delivery of the proposal to the designated receiving office no later than the date and time stated on the face page of the solicitation.

(End of provision)

L.3 COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION

(a) Questions or comments regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing, cite the solicitation number, and be directed to the following Government representative:

Name: Eboni Luck

Email: Eboni.Luck@nasa.gov

Oral questions will not be answered due to the possibility of misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

(b) Questions or comments should be submitted as soon as possible to allow for analysis and dissemination of responses in advance of the proposal due date. Late questions or comments are not guaranteed a response prior to the proposal due date.

(c) Questions or comments shall not be directed to the technical activity personnel.

(End of provision)

L.4 TYPE OF CONTRACT (52.216-1) (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of provision)

L.5 SERVICE OF PROTEST (52.233-2) (SEPT 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section [33.101](#) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from

Dock Master
Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Bldg 16W - Shipping and Receiving Dock

Prominently mark the envelope or package as follows:

Protest: RFP -- NNG12441405RR

Attn: Eboni Luck

GSFC Mail Code 210.8

Contracting Officer Phone No. (301) 286-8509

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of Provision)

L.6 PROPOSAL PAGE LIMITATIONS (1852.215-81) (FEB 1998)

(a) The following page limitations are established for each portion of the proposal submitted in response to this solicitation.

<u>Proposal Section</u>	<u>Page Limit</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>
Standard Form (SF)-33 and Sections B-J of Model Contract including Representations and Certifications	N/A	3 Original Signed Copies
Mission Suitability	15	Original plus 3 Copies, plus 2 CD ROM Copies
Price Section	No Limit	Original plus 3 Copies, plus 2 CD ROM Copies
Past Performance Section	5	Original plus 3 Copies, plus 2 CD ROM Copies

(b) A page is defined as one side of a sheet, 8 1/2" x 11", with at least one inch margins on all sides, using not smaller than 12 point type. Foldouts count as an equivalent number of 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The metric standard format most closely approximating the described standard 8 1/2" x 11" size may also be used.

(c) Title pages and tables of contents are excluded from the page counts specified in paragraph (a) of this provision. In addition, the Cost section of your proposal is not page limited. However, this section is to be strictly limited to cost and price information. Information that can be construed as belonging in one of the other sections of the proposal will be so construed and counted against that section's page limitation.

(d) If final revisions are requested, separate page limitations will be specified in the Government's request for that submission.

(e) Pages submitted in excess of the limitations specified in this provision will not be evaluated by the Government

and will be returned to the offeror.

(End of provision)

L.7 SAFETY AND HEALTH PLAN (1852.223-73) (NOV 2004)

(a) The offeror shall submit a detailed safety and occupational health plan as part of its proposal (see NPR 8715.3, NASA Safety Manual, Appendices). The plan shall include a detailed discussion of the policies, procedures, and techniques that will be used to ensure the safety and occupational health of Contractor employees and to ensure the safety of all working conditions throughout the performance of the contract.

(b) When applicable, the plan shall address the policies, procedures, and techniques that will be used to ensure the safety and occupational health of the public, astronauts and pilots, the NASA workforce (including Contractor employees working on NASA contracts), and high-value equipment and property.

(c) The plan shall similarly address subcontractor employee safety and occupational health for those proposed subcontracts that contain one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The work will be conducted completely or partly on premises owned or controlled by the government.

(2) The work includes construction, alteration, or repair of facilities in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold.

(3) The work, regardless of place of performance, involves hazards that could endanger the public, astronauts and pilots, the NASA workforce (including Contractor employees working on NASA contracts), or high value equipment or property, and the hazards are not adequately addressed by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations (if applicable).

(4) When the assessed risk and consequences of a failure to properly manage and control the hazards warrants use of the clause.

(d) This plan, as approved by the Contracting Officer, will be included in any resulting contract.

(End of Provision)

L.8 PROTEST TO NASA (1852.233-70) (OCT 2002)

Potential bidders or offerors may submit a protest under 48 CFR Part 33 (FAR Part 33) directly to the Contracting Officer. As an alternative to the Contracting Officer's consideration of a protest, a potential bidder or offeror may submit the protest to the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, who will serve as or designate the official responsible for conducting an independent review. Protests requesting an independent review shall be addressed to Assistant Administrator for Procurement, NASA Code H, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

(End of Provision)

L.9 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (1852.245-80) (JAN 2011)

(a) The offeror shall identify the industry leading or voluntary consensus standards, and/or the industry leading practices, that it intends to employ for the management of Government property under any contract awarded from this solicitation.

(b) The offeror shall provide the date of its last Government property control system analysis along with its overall status, a summary of findings and recommendations, the status of any recommended corrective actions, the name of the Government activity that performed the analysis, and the latest available contact information for that activity.

(c) The offeror shall identify any property it intends to use in performance of this contract from the list of available Government property in the provision at 1852.245-81, List of Available Government Property.

(d) The offeror shall identify all Government property in its possession, provided under other Government contracts that it intends to use in the performance of this contract. The offeror shall also identify: The contract that provided the property, the responsible Contracting Officer, the dates during which the property will be available for use (including the first, last, and all intervening months), and, for any property that will be used concurrently in performing two or more contracts, the amounts of the respective uses in sufficient detail to support prorating the rent, the amount of rent that would otherwise be charged in accordance with FAR 52.245-9, Use and Charges (June 2007), and the contact information for the responsible Government Contracting Officer. The offeror shall provide proof that such use was authorized by the responsible Contracting Officer.

(e) The offeror shall disclose cost accounting practices that allow for direct charging of commercially available equipment, when commercially available equipment is to be used in performance of the contract and the equipment is not a deliverable.

(f) The offeror shall identify, in list form, any equipment that it intends to acquire and directly charge to the Government under this contract. The list shall include a description, manufacturer, model number (when available), quantity required, and estimated unit cost. Equipment approved as part of the award need not be requested under NFS clause 1852.245-70,

(g) The offeror shall disclose its intention to acquire any parts, supplies, materials or equipment, to fabricate an item of equipment for use under any contract resulting from this solicitation when that item of equipment:

Will be titled to the government under the provisions of the contract; is not included as a contract deliverable; and the Contractor intends to charge the costs of materials directly to the contract. The disclosure shall identify the end item or system and shall include all descriptive information, identification numbers (when available), quantities required and estimated costs.

(h) Existing Government property may be reviewed at the following locations, dates, and times: [Enter the appropriate information]

(End of provision)

L.10 LIST OF AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (1852.245-81) (JAN 2011)

(a) The Government will make the following Government property available for use in performance of the contract resulting from this solicitation, on a no-charge-for-use basis in accordance with FAR 52.245-1, Government Property, included in this solicitation. The offeror shall notify the Government, as part of its proposal, of its intention to use or not use the property.

(b) The Government will make the following Government property available for use in performance of the contract resulting from this solicitation, on a no-charge-for-use basis in accordance with FAR 52.245-2, Government Property Installation Operation Services, as included in this solicitation. The offeror shall notify the Government of its intention to use or not use the property.

(c) The selected Contractor will be responsible for costs associated with transportation, and installation of the property listed in this provision.

(End of provision)

L.11 PROPOSAL PREPARATION—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is NASA's intent, by providing the instructions set forth below, to solicit information that will demonstrate the offeror's competence to successfully complete the requirements specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), Attachment A. Generally, the proposal should:

- Demonstrate understanding of the overall and specific requirements of the proposed contract.
- Convey the company's capabilities for transforming understanding into accomplishment.
- Present in detail, the plans and methods for so doing.
- Present the costs associated with so doing.

In the event that other organizations are proposed as being involved in conducting this work, their relationships during the effort shall be explained and their proposed contributions shall be identified and integrated into each part of the proposal, as appropriate.

Offerors shall submit **THREE (3) ORIGINAL SIGNED COPIES** of the Standard Form (SF-33) and (Section B-J) of the model contract filled in as indicated (bindings are not permitted). The requested information, shall be in accordance with the provision at PROPOSAL PAGE LIMITATIONS (1852.215-81) (FEB 1998), excluding the three (3) original signed copies of the contract. Information may be submitted on single- or double-sided sheets, but shall not exceed this page limitation.

Two electronic copies of the Offeror's proposal, designating one as "back-up," shall be submitted (in addition to the hardcopies specified above) in Microsoft Word (Windows XP) or Portable Document Format (version 8.0 or greater). Electronic files should be on virus free CD-ROM (CD-R format) discs with an external label indicating: (1) the name of the Offeror, (2) the RFP number, (3) the format and software version used, (4) a list of the files contained on the disk and (5) date of the information. The Offeror shall provide written documentation that describes the contents of each CD-ROMs and of each file. In the event of any inconsistency between data provided on electronic media and hard copies, the hard copy data will be considered to be correct. The contractor must certify that the electronic medium is virus free.

Only the required **MINIMUM** amount of information is requested to provide for proper evaluation. Efforts should be made to keep offers as **BRIEF** as possible, concentrating on substantive information essential for a proper evaluation.

The offeror's proposal shall be in sufficient detail and shall clearly demonstrate how the offeror proposes to comply with each of the requirements in the Statement of Work and the applicable specifications, including a full explanation of the techniques and procedures the offeror proposes to follow. Stating that the offeror understands and will comply with the technical requirements, or paraphrasing those requirements is not adequate. Phrases such as "standard procedures will be employed", or "well known techniques will be used" are inadequate. The offeror shall also include a compliance matrix that lists or references all requirements from the SOW. The matrix shall include a comments field that indicates that the offeror is compliant with each requirement as a result of either the current technical implementation or how the offeror intends to meet the requirements. In addition, the matrix shall provide a cross-reference to the location in the plan where compliance is proposed.

Offers shall include the offeror's facsimile number and e-mail address(es). Facsimile offers will not be accepted.

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L.12 OFFER VOLUME

L.12 MISSION SUITABILITY PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

This must be a separate volume.

Contents of Mission Suitability Proposal Instructions

1. General Instructions
2. Mission Suitability Proposal Format
3. Mission Suitability Instructions by factor

1. General Instructions

The Mission Suitability Proposal should be specific, detailed, and provide all the information requested by these instructions. The Mission Suitability Proposal must demonstrate that the offeror understands the requirements and has the ability to meet the requirements. General statements such as the "requirements are understood" or "standard procedures will be employed" are not adequate. Also, restatement or paraphrasing of the requirements should be avoided. Information previously submitted, if any, will not be considered unless it is resubmitted as part of the proposal. It must not be incorporated by reference.

2. Mission Suitability Volume Format

The Mission Suitability Proposal must be divided and presented by each Mission Suitability factor as follows:

factor A.1 -- Technical Approach
factor A.2 -- Management Approach
factor A.3 -- Past Performance

3. Mission Suitability Instructions by factor

Factor Weight: 70%, or 700 points

Factor A.1 -- Technical Approach

Description of Factor: The Offeror shall provide a proposal that meets the technical requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW), and deliver a prototype telescope to GSFC at the conclusion of the contract, including the following related to how the work will be accomplished, as indicated below:

1. **Technical Requirements** – The Contractor shall demonstrate effective and efficient methods to meet the technical requirements and schedules as described in the contract's Statement of Work. This includes a subjective assessment of the quality of manufacturing, and inherent risks and heritage of the design. Also to be considered is the quality and timeliness of technical progress reports and other required deliverables as outlined in the Statement of Work. The contractor must specifically show a clear understanding, as demonstrated in their proposal, of the two

most challenging driving requirements as outlined in the SOW and attached requirements document, namely the picometer level stability requirement and the stray light requirement. The contractor must also be able to build and deliver a prototype telescope that meets or exceeds the requirements as outlined in the SOW, with the requested budget and schedule. The offerer shall manufacture the telescope and deliver said telescope to GSFC at the conclusion of contract performance.

2. **Optical Requirements** - The contractor shall demonstrate a detailed understanding of the various components and complexities of lenses and mirrors in telescope design, such as surface finish and roughness, optical figure, thin film coatings, focus, and mid-spatial frequency errors.

3. **Manufacturing Capability** - The Contractor shall demonstrate and provide a comprehensive set of manufacturing capabilities, with specific emphasis on facilities, instrumentation, laboratories, experienced personnel, and ability to handle materials and manufacture structures from a wide variety of structural elements such as silicon carbide, composites, low CTE glass, and single crystal silicon. The manufacturing capability must include a demonstration or documentation of the processes necessary to achieve and maintain the fabrication and assembly tolerances necessary to build a complete prototype telescope.

4. **Innovation** - The offeror will demonstrate innovative methods, techniques, technologies and/or process improvements which will have impact on effectiveness and efficiencies under the contract.

Factor A.2 -- Management Approach

Factor Weight 30% or 300 points

1. **Personnel Management** - The Contractor shall demonstrate their ability to provide staffing at appropriate skill levels to deliver effective and efficient services, and the extent to which the Contractor has applied and retained competent and experienced personnel to assure successful performance.

2. **Communications** - The offeror shall maintain good communication within its organization and with the Government. Contractor must have a proven track record that all problems, technical issues and changes were promptly reported to all concerned.

3. **Risk Management** - The Contractor will demonstrate its ability to identify risks; analyze their impact and prioritize them; develop and carry out plans for risk mitigation, acceptance, or other action.

Factor A.3 — Past Performance

Description of Factor: The contractor shall provide evidence of their past performance on contracts which were similar in technical requirements and scope as this one.

The offeror must provide the following:

1. **Contract Administration and Compliance** - The Contractor shall provide evidence of previous compliance with similar contracts, including cost, schedule, and quality performance.

2. **General Business Management** - The Contractor shall provide a summary of its local and corporate business management. This area will include an evaluation of the Contractor's overall ability and effectiveness in responding to management issues, identifying and correcting problems, and timeliness and accuracy of data.

3. Quality of Previous Contract Deliveries – The Contractor shall provide evidence on the overall performance of prior deliveries on similar type contracts, including their validation of requirements and then meeting of all requirements.

(End of Text)

L.14 PAST PERFORMANCE PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

An Offeror's past performance record indicates the relevant quantitative and qualitative aspects of performing services or delivering products similar in size, content, and complexity to the requirements of this acquisition. The information requested below is anticipated to be sufficient for purposes of the evaluation of past performance.

However, offerors may submit additional information at their discretion if they consider such information necessary to establish a record of relevant past performance. Refer to FAR 15.305(a) (2) (iii).

The Offeror shall provide, at a minimum, the following information in support of its proposal to facilitate the evaluation of your company experience and past performance as a whole and as related to the requirements of the proposed contract.

(a) INFORMATION FROM THE OFFEROR

The Offeror and any proposed significant subcontractors shall furnish the following information on three (3) contracts that developed a conceptual design and implementation approach for the PMD in complexity that what is required for the MMS Propulsion Tank Study. Therefore, experiences across all phases of development, conceptual/preliminary/ detailed design, fabrication, integration, test and environmental testing to space-flight environments of space-based observatories are of interest, which your company has had within the last five (5) years. Indicate which contracts/subcontracts are most related (i.e. similar in size, scope and complexity) and how they are related to the proposed effort, as well as which contracts/subcontracts were performed by the division of your company (if applicable) that will perform the proposed contract/subcontract.

- Customer's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of both the lead contractual and technical personnel most familiar with the Offeror's performance record. (Please verify the telephone numbers provided are current and correct).
- Contract number, type, and total original and present or final contract value.
- Date of contract, place(s) of performance, and delivery dates or period of performance.
- Brief description of contract work and comparability to the proposed effort with reference to specific comparable SOW elements, where applicable. It is not sufficient to state that it is comparable in magnitude and scope. Rationale must be provided to demonstrate that it is comparable.
- Method of acquisition: competitive or noncompetitive.

- Nature of award: initial or follow-on. If initial, indicate whether award was preceded by a Government, customer, or Offeror financed study.
- Identify and explain major technical problems and how they were overcome. List any major deviations or waivers to technical requirements that were granted by the customer.
- The Offeror shall include a frank discussion of experiences (if any) that resulted in lessons learned and/or new processes that improved performance or had significant positive (or adverse) impact over the life of the contract.
- Identify and explain completion successes and delays, including adherence to program schedules. Provide an assessment of the performance (technical and schedule) on these past programs and support these assessments with metrics such as award or incentive fees earned.
- Cost management history; identify and explain any cost overruns and underruns, and cost incentive history, if applicable (Offerors to provide evidence of evaluation of performance such as Fee Determination Letters, etc.).
- Average number of personnel on the contract per year and percent turnover of personnel per year.
- Recent customer evaluations of past performance including Award Fee Evaluations results, Fee Determination Official letters, Annual Performance Evaluation Forms, etc. (Excluded from the page limitation).

List any contracts terminated (partial or complete) within the past 5 years and basis for termination (convenience or default). Include the contract number, name, address, and telephone number of the terminating officer (please verify telephone numbers). Include contracts that were "descoped" by the customer because of performance or cost problems (Excluded from the page limitation).

(b) PRIOR CUSTOMER EVALUATIONS (PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRES)

The Offeror and any proposed significant subcontractors shall submit the questionnaires provided in **Exhibit A** to each of the above references to establish a record of past performance. The Offeror shall instruct each of its references to return the questionnaire directly to the Government in a sealed envelope. The questionnaire respondent shall be a representative from the technical customer and/or responsible Contracting Officer with direct knowledge of your firm's performance. If possible, the Offeror and any proposed significant subcontractors shall provide questionnaires to customers from NASA contracts, other Government contracts, and commercial contracts. For proposed significant subcontractors, references shall concern only work performed by the significant subcontractor's business entity that will perform the work under this contract, if awarded.

The Offeror is responsible for ensuring that the questionnaire is completed and submitted no later than the closing date of this solicitation designated in Block 9 of the SF 33 to:

Goddard Space Flight Center
Attn: Eboni Luck/Code210.8
Solicitation No. RFP-NNG12441405R
Building 22W, Room 206
Greenbelt, MD 20771

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L.15 PRICE PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

The offeror shall complete clause B.2 in the attached model contract in its entirety. Failure to properly complete clause B.2 may result in the Offeror's proposal deemed non-responsive and removed from further consideration.

Deviations to the contract percentage under clause B.2 may result in a determination of proposal unacceptability (NFS 1815.305-70), preclude award to an offeror if award is made without discussions, or may otherwise affect an offeror's competitive standing.

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[END OF SECTION]

SECTION M: EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD**M.1 SOURCE SELECTION AND EVALUATION FACTORS--GENERAL****1. Source Selection**

This competitive negotiated acquisition shall be conducted in accordance with FAR 15.3, "Source Selection", and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1815.3, same subject. The Source Evaluation Board procedures at NFS 1815.370, "NASA formal source selection will not apply.

The attention of offerors is particularly directed to NFS 1815.305, "Proposal evaluation" and to NFS 1815.305-70, "Identification of unacceptable proposals".

A trade-off process, as described at FAR 15.101-1, will be used in making source selection.

The Government contemplates selecting one offer based on the proposals as submitted.

2. Evaluation Factors and Subfactors

The evaluation factors are Mission Suitability, Price, and Past Performance. These factors, as described at NFS 1815.304-70, will be used to evaluate each proposal. This Section M provides a further description for each evaluation factor, inclusive of subfactors. Only the Mission Suitability factor is numerically scored.

3. Relative Order of Importance of Evaluation Factors –

The Past Performance Factor is significantly less important than the combined importance of the Mission Suitability Factor and the Price Factor. As individual Factors, the Mission Suitability Factor is less important than the Price Factor but more important than the Past Performance Factor.

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M.2 MISSION SUITABILITY FACTOR**1. Mission Suitability factors and Description of Each factor**

The evaluation criteria are identified below.

Factor			
	Weight	Points	Section
Technical Approach	70%	700	A.1
Management Approach	30%	300	A.2
Past Performance			A.3

A.1 Technical Approach

Factor Weight: 70%, or 700 points

Description of Factor: The Contractor's proposal will be assessed to determine if the work that has been proposed meets the technical requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW), including the following related to how the work will be accomplished, as indicated below:

1. **Technical Requirements** – The Contractor will be evaluated on their ability to provide effective and efficient methods to meet the technical requirements and schedules as described in the contract's Statement of Work. This includes a subjective assessment of the quality of manufacturing, and inherent risks and heritage of the design. Also to be evaluated is the quality and timeliness of technical progress reports and other required deliverables as outlined in the Statement of Work. The contractor will be evaluated on its understanding, as demonstrated in their proposal, of the two most challenging driving requirements as outlined in the SOW and attached requirements document, namely the picometer level stability requirement and the stray light requirement. The contractor will be evaluated on its ability to build and deliver a prototype telescope that meets or exceeds the requirements as outlined in the SOW, with the requested schedule.
2. **Optical Requirements** - The contractor will be evaluated on its detailed understanding of the various components and complexities of lenses and mirrors in telescope design, such as surface finish and roughness, optical figure, thin film coatings, focus, and mid-spatial frequency errors.
3. **Manufacturing Capability** – The Contractor will be evaluated on their manufacturing capabilities, with specific emphasis on their facilities, instrumentation, laboratories, experienced personnel, and ability to handle materials and manufacture structures from a wide variety of structural elements such as silicon carbide, composites, low CTE glass, and single crystal silicon. The manufacturing capability will be evaluated on its demonstration or documentation of the processes necessary to achieve and maintain the fabrication and assembly tolerances necessary to build a complete prototype telescope.
4. **Innovation** – Innovative methods, techniques, technologies and/or process improvements will be evaluated for their impact on effectiveness and efficiencies under the contract.

A.2 Management Approach

Factor Weight 30% or 300 points

1. **Personnel Management** – The Contractor will be evaluated on their ability to provide staffing at appropriate skill levels to provide effective and efficient services. The extent to which the Contractor has applied and retained competent and experienced personnel to assure successful performance.

2. **Communications** – Assessment of the Contractor's ability to maintain good communication within its organization and with the Government will be evaluated. Contractor must have a proven track record that all problems, technical issues and changes were promptly reported to all concerned.
3. **Risk Management** – The Contractor will be evaluated on its ability to identify risks; analyze their impact and prioritize them; develop and carry out plans for risk mitigation, acceptance, or other action.

The Technical Performance criteria will be evaluated using the following ratings:

Weakness – a flaw in the proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance

Significant Weakness – a proposal flaw that appreciably increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance

Deficiency – a material failure of a proposal to meet a Government requirement or a combination of significant weaknesses in a proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance to an unacceptable level

Strength (not in FAR/NFS) – a proposal area that enhances the potential for successful performance or contributes toward exceeding the contract requirements in a manner that provides additional value to the government (this could be associated with a process, technical approach, materials, facilities, etc.).

Significant Strength (not in FAR/NFS) – a proposal area that greatly enhances the potential for successful performance or contributes significantly toward exceeding the contract requirements in a manner that provides additional value to the Government.

A.3 Past Performance

Description of Factor: The contractor shall be evaluated on the basis of their past performance on contracts which were similar in technical requirements and scope as this one.

Considered for Evaluation are the following:

1. **Contract Administration and Compliance** – The Contractor will be evaluated on previous compliance with similar contracts, including cost, schedule, and quality performance.
2. **General Business Management** - The Contractor will be evaluated on its local and corporate business management. This area will include an evaluation of the Contractor's overall ability and effectiveness in responding to management issues, identifying and correcting problems, and timeliness and accuracy of data.
3. **Quality of Previous Contract Deliveries** – The Contractor shall be evaluated on the overall performance of prior deliveries on similar type contracts, including their validation of requirements and then meeting of all requirements.

Past Performance Ratings – The level of confidence ratings set forth below will be used to evaluate the Past Performance factor for each offeror.

Each of the adjective ratings below has a "performance" component and a "relevance" component. The following adjectival rating guidelines will be used when assessing both components. In assessing relevance, the Government will consider the degree of similarity in size, content, and complexity to the requirements in this solicitation, as well as how current is the past performance.

In assessing performance, the Government will make an assessment of the offeror's overall performance record. The Government will evaluate the offeror's past performance record for meeting technical; schedule; cost; management; occupational health; safety; security; mission success; subcontracting plan goals and small disadvantaged business participation targets, if applicable; and other contract requirements. Isolated or infrequent problems that were not severe or persistent, and for which the offeror took immediate and appropriate corrective action, may not reduce the offeror's rating. On the other hand, ratings will be reduced when problems were within the contractor's control and were significant, persistent, or frequent, or when there is a pattern of problems or a negative trend of performance.

Very High Level of Confidence

The Offeror's relevant past performance is of exceptional merit and is very highly pertinent to this acquisition; indicating exemplary performance in a timely, efficient, and economical manner; very minor (if any) problems with no adverse effect on overall performance. Based on the Offeror's performance record, there is a very high level of confidence that the Offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

High Level of Confidence

The Offeror's relevant past performance is highly pertinent to this acquisition; demonstrating very effective performance that would be fully responsive to contract requirements with contract requirements accomplished in a timely, efficient, and economical manner for the most part with only minor problems with little identifiable effect on overall performance. Based on the Offeror's performance record, there is a high level of confidence that the Offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

Moderate Level of Confidence

The Offeror's relevant past performance is pertinent to this acquisition, and it demonstrates effective performance; fully responsive to contract requirements; reportable problems, but with little identifiable effect on overall performance. Based on the Offeror's performance record, there is a moderate level of confidence that the Offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

Low Level of Confidence

The Offeror's relevant past performance is at least somewhat pertinent to this acquisition, and it meets or slightly exceeds minimum acceptable standards; adequate results; reportable problems with identifiable, but not substantial, effects on overall performance. Based on the Offeror's performance record, there is a low level of confidence that the Offeror will successfully perform the required effort. Changes to the Offeror's existing processes may be necessary in order to achieve contract requirements.

Very Low Level of Confidence

The Offeror's relevant past performance does not meet minimum acceptable standards in one or more areas; remedial action required in one or more areas; problems in one or more areas which adversely affect overall

performance. Based on the Offeror's performance record, there is a very low level of confidence that the Offeror will successfully perform the required effort.

Neutral

In the case of an Offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the Offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance [see FAR 15.305(a) (2) (ii) and (iv)].

M.3 PRICE EVALUATION FACTOR

This is a firm fixed price acquisition.

A price analysis will be conducted in accordance with FAR 15.305(a) (1). Price analysis is described at FAR 15.404-1(b). This analysis is done to ensure that a "fair and reasonable" price is paid by the Government. However, the analysis is not intended to be protective of the offeror.

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M.4 OFFER/NO OFFER RESPONSE SHEET

Compliance is requested, but not required.

This page may be used to indicate whether your company intends to submit an offer in response to this solicitation. You may also indicate your intent by E-Mail or FAX. The E-Mail address is Eboni.Luck@nasa.gov. The FAX number is (301) 286-1776. If mailed, return the completed page to the individual and address on the face page of this solicitation.

The _____ (name of firm) (/ / intends) (/ / does not intend) to submit an offer in response to RFP- NNG13477846R.

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